

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 23, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. GRIMES made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 96.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom were referred the petition and papers relating to the claim of Abner Merrill, an invalid pensioner, for an increase of pension, beg leave to report:*

That the committee refer to report No. 246, 1st session of the 25th Congress, upon the same petition, and recommend the passage of the same bill for the relief of the petitioner which was passed by the Senate on the 21st of May, 1858.

They accordingly report a bill.

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MAY 12, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. THOMSON, of New Jersey, submitted the following report, to accompany bill S. 335:

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom were referred the papers relative to the claim of Abner Merrill for increase of pension, beg leave to report:*

That the said Abner Merrill was placed upon the pension roll on the first day of January, 1832, at the rate of four dollars per month, on account of partial disability, resulting from sickness and exposure while in the line of his duty as a soldier in the war of 1812.

They also find, by the certificates of two physicians, viz: A. T. W. Stevens, M. D., and Benjamin F. Green, M. D., proven by the testimony of Hon. H. Hamlin, of the United States Senate, and others, to be in respectable professional standing, that the disability under which Mr. Merrill had labored has now become *total*.

The committee therefore are of the opinion that he is entitled to full pension, and accordingly report a bill for that purpose.

